

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004.

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the invention during a personal interviews conducted April 24, 2004, and during telephone interviews conducted May 28, 2004 and June 2, 2004. During the interview of May 28, the Examiner proposed certain amendments which he indicated would distinguish the claims over the art of record and would place the claims in a better condition for allowance.

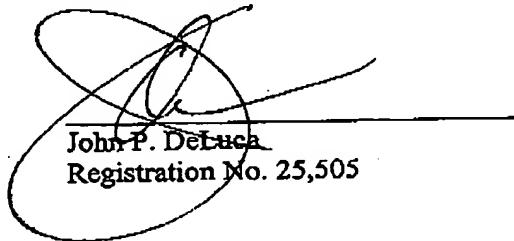
Applicants have, however, modified the response to state that imaging obtains high resolution image data (or digital image data). The language provides antecedent basis for the processing step in the affected claims.

The Applicant submitted a proposed amendment on May 28, 2004 which was discussed during the telephone interview of June 2, the claim language of the proposal was clarified, and the amendment to Claim 1 was incorporated into the remaining independent claims; and the amendment was resubmitted.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection of the claims, the allowance of which is earnestly solicited

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